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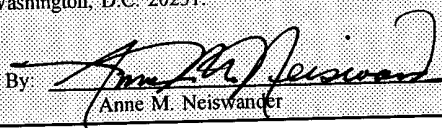
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: James A. Williams  
Serial No.: 08/704,159  
Filed: 08/28/1996  
Entitled: MULTIVALENT VACCINE FOR *CLOSTRIDIUM BOTULINUM* NEUROTOXIN  
Group No.: 1816  
Examiner: Evelyn Rabin

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE  
TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION  
MAILED OCTOBER 15, 1998**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Dated: <u>April 15, 1999</u>	By:  Anne M. Neiswander

Sir:

In order to place this Continued Prosecution Application in condition to begin prosecution, please amend the prior application as follows. A list of pending claims as they would appear following entry of this preliminary amendment is attached as Appendix I for convenience. Applicant also requests reconsideration of the application in view of the following amendments and remarks in response to the Final Office Action mailed October 15, 1998. A Petition for a three-month extension of time from January 16, 1999 to April 15, 1999 is submitted herewith.

Applicants respectfully also request withdrawal of the finality of the Office action mailed on October 15, 1998 as argued in the "Request For Withdrawal Of Finality Of Office Action Mailed October 15, 1998," enclosed herewith.